Oral History

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My favorite member of my family and the only one I got to choose is Dale, my husband. Dale was born September 22, 1985 in Alameda, Ca. He grew up primarily in the Bay Area and then moved north for high school. It was in high school that he decided to join the military.

Dale comes from a long line of people who were in the military however he is the first to join willingly. His grandfather was drafted twice and his uncle and cousin were given the choice of jail time or military service. Dale did not join for patriotic reasons; he joined for a steady job and a chance to go to college. He joined after 9/11 knowing that he would end up deploying.

Dale was in Pensacola, Florida for his tech school during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Dennis. He was evacuated multiple times because of these hurricanes and while at his temporary station assisted in providing relief and relief funds to those who were severely affected and displaced by the devastation left by these super storms.

A year after arriving at his first duty station Dale was deployed to Afghanistan with subsequent deployments to Afghanistan, Korea, and Djibouti, Africa. He splits his time between work, school, and volunteering. He is enrolled in Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and is pursuing a degree in Professional Aeronautics followed by a Masters in OSHA. He will be the first in his family to earn a college degree. Dale volunteer many times a year, his favorite organizations to work with are the Special Olympics and PADI’s Project AWARE.